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**CIVIL WAR LETTERS WRITTEN TO MATILDA WRIGHT,
HARRISTOWN, INDIANA, 1861**

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COPIES OF CIVIL WAR LETTERS TO MISS MATJEDA WRIGHT

Paducah, Ky. - Oct. 27, 1861

Esteemed Friend:

Much unexpected it was to receive the present that I did from you. I was very glad to receive such. for it is as a token of Friendship and the good will that you have towards me. and also shows that you feel for those that are afar from home and friends, and that you desire the prosperity and happiness of those whom you have here to fore known and esteemed as a friend or friends -- I shall endeavor to keep those socks long as I can and perhaps such might be the case that I will have the priviledge of wearing them in the town of South Boston, hope it may be the case. so in conclusion I must say I feel very thankful to you for the gift and they shall be as a memento in remembrance of thee.

Your Friend

John P. Kyte

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June the 3^d - Benton Barracks, St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Aunt:

This morning I take the pleasure of writting you a few lines to inform you I am well at present, hoping you are enjoying good health.

I have been in Hospital for about 7 week, But most of time was able to walk around I have not heard from Marrior for sometime. the last I heard of him Broose wrote that he had sent for money to go home on. if he is there I want him to write to me. Soldiering just suits as far as I tried it but in some cases it is a hard life for old men or persons. There has been 10 or 12 died out of our Company most of them was home sick and that brought on other sickness It is nothing for to dig 6 or 8 graves a day. the Savannah was nothing but a hospital. I would not been sick But I was guarding the prisoners that was take at the Battle of Pittsburgh and when my tour was up it was pouring down rain and wraped in my Blanket, set down by a tree and went to sleep--got cold and from that to the fever.

I want you to write soon. I would wrote to you sooner but I was scarce of paper and could hardly get enough to write home. Tell Isabelle good morning for me - No more At Present.

John F. Rodman

No. 101



Whoso shrinks or falters now,
Whoso to the yoke would bow,
Hear! the craves on his brow.
Freedom's soil has only place
For a free and fearless race;
None for Traitors false and base.
Perish party! perish clan!
Strike together, while you can,
Like the arm of one strong man!
With one heart and with one mouth,
Let the North unto the South
Speak the word battling both.

Padwick Ky.
Oct-24/86

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I thought on other side
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to ship 5 or 6 yards at
day 11. Goodrich was
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